(b) if so, what is the new technique that has been discovered by the scientists of CCMB; and

(c) in what manner, it helps in catching the poachers of animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new technique uses a pair of novel primers which can amplify by the polymerase chain reaction the genetic material from a biological tissue. The amplified DNA is sequenced and in-silico analysis is carried out using global database. This enables us to establish the identity of the biological sample with respect of the species it has been derived from.

(c) This technique helps in catching the poachers of the animals by not only establishing the identity of the animal, but also indirectly identifying and linking the poacher to the crime as sometimes odd bits of carcass and chunks of meat are the only thing found in the possession of the poacher, thus making it difficult to positively identify the particular animal poached. Using this technique more than 50 cases, forwarded by various wildlife curators and crime investigation agencies have been resolved.

Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway

1553. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway is running as per schedule;

(b) if not, the tentative date of completion;

(c) the progress of the peripheral roads connected with the Expressway;

(d) whether the various underpasses and over-bridges meant for facilitating the expressway get completed along with its completion;

(e) the details of latest traffic estimate; and

(f) whether the expressway have capacity to meet the present traffic load?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Work

is progressing on Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway as per the revised schedule for completion by December, 2005.

(c) Peripheral roads are not part of the Expressway project.

(d) and (f) Yes, Sir.

(e) The estimated traffic density on the road is 80,000 passenger car units per day.

Express Highway in Kerala

1554. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal after the year 2002 from the State Government of Kerala for the Express Highway in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details including the length of the highway, source of fund, the total fund required and the period of construction and the number of people to be displaced due to the project;

(c) whether detailed environmental impact analysis were done for the project;

(d) if so, the agency authorised and completed the environmental impact; and

(e) if so, the status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No such proposal has been received from the State Government of Kerala.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Package for roads in some States

1555. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: